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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP, AUGUST 21

1. THE MOBIL TANKER CONASTOGA AT LUANDA AT 0900 HOURS
AUGUST 21. I WENT ABOARD WITH MOBIL AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO
SPEAK WITH THE CAPTAIN. HE ASKED FOR AND WAS GIVEN A PER-
MITTER DEFENSE AND UNARMED GUARDS ABOARD. HE WAS TO BEGIN PUMPING
AT 1&00 HOURS AND ESTIMATED HE WOULD BE FINISHED IN ABOUT
60 HOURS. THE TANKER WILL DELIVER GASOLINE, JET FUEL AND
DIESEL FUEL.

2. BY AUGUST 23 OR 24 A SMALL AMOUNT OF PRODUCT WILL BE AVAIL-
ABLE FROM THE PETROANGEL REFINERY IN LUANDA. INITIAL PRODUCTION
WILL CONCENTRATE ON GASOLINE, JET FUEL AND LPG.

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3. MOBIL SENT A CONVOY OF TANK TRUCKS FROM LUANDA TO NOVA LIEBOA LAST WEEK WITH JET FUEL AFTER RECEIVING NO OBJECTION FROM MPLA. WHEN THE DRIVERS RETURNED THEY REPORTED THAT MPLA ELEMENTS IN THE INTERIOR HAD STOPPED THE TRUCKS, ROUGHED UP THE BLACK DRIVERS AND HELPERS WHEN THEY WERE UNABLE TO PRODUCE MPLA MEMBERSHIP CARDS, AND ROBBED THE WHITES OF EXTRA CLOTHING THEY HAD BROUGHT ALONG ON THE TRIP. THE DRIVERS SWEAR THEY WILL NOT GO OUT AGAIN, EVEN IF MPLA GIVES ITS ASCENT.

4. A GULF LPG TANKER IS EXPECTED IN LUANDA SEPTEMBER 1.

5. LACK OF AVGAS IN THE SOUTH IS FORCING CANCELLATION OF CHARTER FLIGHTS. AN MPLA COMMANDER TOLD A MOBIL OFFICIAL THAT WHILE JET FUEL CAN BE SHIPPED, AVGAS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BECAUSE IT CAN BE USED IN TANKS AND APC'S.

6. MPLA PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEMBER LOPO DE NASCIMENTO DENIED ON AUGUST 20 THAT UNITA AND MPLA OFFICIALS HAD MET ON AUGUST 19.

7. THE MILITARY SCENE ON AUGUST 20 WAS QUIET. THE

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PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMAND FOUND NOTHING NOTEWORTHY TO REPORT FOR THE DAY, WHILE THE MPLA DEMANDED THAT THE KDEFATED UNITA/FNLA FORCES IN LOBITO BE EVACUATED TO NORTHERN ANGOLA AND THEIR WEAPONS TURNED OVER TO THE MPLA. THE MPLA ALSO MENTIONED THE CONTINUED PRESENCE IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS.

8. BAPTISTS MISSIONAIRES WHO MADE THEIR WAY TO SOUTHWEST AFRICA BY ROAD FROM LUANDA AND NOVA LOSBOA ON AUGUST 11 REPORTED TO OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN JOHANNESBURG THAT TROOPS OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TREATED MISSIONAIRES AND FOREIGNERS COURTEOUSLY AND WITH RESPECT. THE BAPTISTS SAID THAT A SMALL AMERICAN FLAG ON THE FRONT OF THE CAR WAS A DISTINCT HELP. KILLORAN

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